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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

This is a request to extend the period for filing an appeal brief in the above referenced matter. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 8, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(a)(1), the appeal brief was to be filed within two months of the filing date of the notice of appeal, or by January 8, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.37(e), the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(a)(1) is subject to the extension of time provisions set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. A two-month extension of time is respectfully requested for filing the appeal brief in this matter, from January 8, 2005 until March 8, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) (Fee Code 1141) the fee for the extension of time is \$450.00 and is to be paid as follows:

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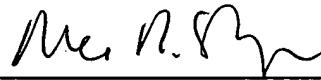
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Respectfully submitted,

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